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MASSON TO MOVE

DON MASSON will be moving out of Meadow Lane when his lease on the sports centre expires on January 8.

And three days later, our former captain is due to fly to Brazil as a member of the British squad to compete in an International Over-35s Tournament in Sao Paulo - which also involves teams from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, West Germany and Italy.



He said: "It should be a tremendous experience. I'm really looking forward to it and when I get back at the end of the month, I intend to make a determined effort to find myself a job in football."

"I've enjoyed running the sports centre but have decided not to renew the lease. I miss not being involved in football and would like the opportunity to do some coaching."

HOSTEL IMPROVEMENTS

WITH no fixture commitments over the holiday period, our youngsters have had the opportunity to spend Christmas at home and that's enabled us to carry out improvements at the Club Hostel.

By the time the youngsters return for Tuesday's home game against Grimsby in the Central League, a new kitchen will have been fitted in the hostel.

Said caretaker-manager John Newman: "The majority of our YTS lads come from outside of Nottingham and I think it's a good thing to give them the chance to go home for Christmas."

"Apart from the obvious, they tend to tire at this stage of the season - especially the first-year YTS lads - but hopefully they will come back refreshed and ready to tackle the second half of the programme."

HAPPY VISIT

TOM HARDY recently made his annual appearance at Meadow Lane - to attend the annual meeting.

Mr. Hardy, a retired journalist, now lives in Pitlochry in Perthshire and although approaching his 80th birthday, he always tries to make the long trip down from Scotland.

He said: "I was born and bred in Nottingham and brought up on Albert Iremonger. It's not easy keeping in touch with Notts County these days - but I do my best."

"Whenever the team are playing in the north, I try to get there and enjoyed watching them win the FA Cup tie against Darlington."

NEWMAN'S NATTER

I SIGNED off the Boxing Day column by saying that we must concentrate on fighting our way clear of the relegation zone...and could look no further than that.

Nothing has changed after the defeat by Sheffield United and it goes without saying that we were bitterly disappointed with the outcome on Monday.

Successive away wins at Aldershot and Wigan had given everyone a lift and I was hoping it would inspire the players to produce the convincing home performance we have been desperately needing.

Believe me, they were very anxious to do that and as I'm sure you will agree, we set out in a positive manner - determined to compete in every sense against one of the best teams in the Third Division.

We all knew that United would be especially dangerous from set-pieces but defended strongly in the early stages and got our reward for sticking at it when Geoff Pike finished off a sweet move to put us in front.

But that boost was countered immediately by a bitter blow when Dean Yates was injured and bearing in mind that we were just starting a packed holiday programme, I felt it was best to pull him out of the action.

Everyone knew that the game was a long way from won and when Mick Leonard made a terrific save straight after half time, that promised to be highly significant.

But at the end of the day, perhaps the most significant period of the match was when the score was 1-1 and we wasted two chances by failing to hit the target with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The support you gave the players was magnificent and had one of those chances been taken, it's my belief that you would have carried us to victory.

But at the end of the day, we paid the price for making elementary mistakes at both ends of the pitch and I was so disappointed that we failed to complete your Christmas by giving you a home win to celebrate.

Maybe you won't agree with me but overall, I didn't feel the scoreline did justice to our performance. There's no point in kidding ourselves though, and we must accept that we have a battle on our hands to get clear of the relegation zone.

The priority is to overcome our problems at Meadow Lane before playing at home develops into some form of phobia and in that sense, I'm pleased that we have another opportunity to put it right this afternoon.

As you are no doubt aware, we had an extensive list of injury problems after Monday's match and at the time of writing, I have no idea what the make-up of the team will be.

But the 11 players who take the field must continue where we left off in terms of producing the effort - and battle their way through.

As I've said before, the only way we will get out of the mess we find ourselves in is by having enough character and determination to scrap for the points and above all, we must make sure that Bolton know they have been in a game this afternoon.



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ON THE INSIDE

with Neal Hook



CHAIRMAN Derek Pavis recently highlighted the contribution made by the commercial department when presenting the accounts to shareholders at the annual meeting.

As the figures show, almost exactly half of the club's total income of £1,097,230 for the past year was raised through commercial activities.

That amounts to more than the combined total of gate receipts and season-ticket sales and I would argue that when all things are taken into consideration, we have one of the most successful commercial operations in the country.

Compared to many of the top clubs, the amount we raise is meagre but we compete in a different market.

First Division clubs - especially those fortunate enough to stage live television matches - virtually have money thrown at them but at our level, every penny we raise has to be earned the hard way.

As a matter of interest, the profit on Notts County's commercial activities during our first season in Division One was £40,000. Within two years, the figure had increased to £500,000 and that set standards which we have tried hard to maintain.

It's been achieved by running the operation as a business within a business and although I'm biased, of course, I honestly believe that we have the best commercial team in the country.

We ask a lot of our staff and set them demanding targets and I was delighted when the chairman drew attention to their success

because they deserve a pat on the back.

Over the years, Les Bradd has done a fantastic job with County '75 and as you may have read in the Boxing Day programme, he has now been appointed Promotions Manager which means his range of duties is being extended.

Commercial manager Elaine Howes is excellent with dealing with business people and is mainly concerned with sponsorship, perimeter advertising boards and programme advertising.

And when someone was needed to run the Lifeline scheme after Iain McCulloch left, Fiona Green tackled the task with her usual enthusiasm and deserves credit for the fact that membership is actually higher than this time last year.

There are many others involved in the complete commercial programme, of course, and we are fortunate to have such a capable, hard-working staff.

As I've said, the contrast between now and six years ago is incredible and one of the major reasons for our success is that we don't take supporters or businessmen for granted.

We have always set out to give value for money and because our "clients" recognised that, many of those who were with us during the First Division era have been prepared to stand by us in less successful times.

Commercially speaking, I think we are achieving the maximum for a Third Division club and I can't wait for the day when we have another crack at the top flight - and the extra selling potential that would give us.

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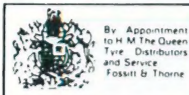
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Looking back on 1988

High hopes...but things didn't work out as planned

THIS time last year we were sitting comfortably in second place in the Third Division, had cleared the first hurdle in the Sherpa Van Trophy...and everything at Meadow Lane was looking good.

It all pointed to the fact that 1988 would be the "Year of the Magpies" but as events were to show yet again, nothing in football can be taken for granted.

When expectations are high, setbacks become more difficult to accept and we have cause to look back on the last 12 months with great disappointment.

JANUARY

Our 12-match unbeaten League run came to an end at Bristol City but when the month ended with a 5-1 win against Fulham, we were firmly established in second place and confidence was high.

Mark Harbottle joined Doncaster Rovers on a month's loan.

FEBRUARY

It was a big disappointment when Youth Organiser Alan Hill left Meadow Lane on the promise that he would become assistant manager of the Welsh national team. There was also a setback in the transfer market when Grimsby rejected our £60,000 offer for Phil Turner but two weeks later, Willie McStay arrived from Huddersfield for £15,000.

Defeats in successive matches against Blackpool and Wigan halted progress but a win at Colchester booked our place in the regional semi-finals of the



WILLIE McSTAY...arrived from Huddersfield in February.

Sherpa Van Trophy and when Chester were beaten 1-0 at Meadow Lane, that took us to the top of Division Three.

MARCH

We managed to cling onto top spot throughout the month, despite winning only one of our five League games, but the highlight undoubtedly came when we went to Brighton and won 5-1 in the Sherpa Van semi-final.

The behind-the-scenes activity continued with the departure of Eddie Snook on a free transfer and when Dale Belford joined VS Rugby on loan, Aidan Davison arrived from Billingham Synthonia to replace him for a fee of £1,000.

APRIL

A disastrous month began with a 1-0 defeat at Brentford and when it finished with a 2-1 reverse at Walsall, we had slipped out of the top two places for the first time since November.

Along the way, a total of 28,454 people watched our two matches against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Southern Section Final of the Sherpa Van Trophy - and they saw our hopes of a first-ever trip to Wembley disappear.

MAY

We entered our final League fixture knowing that promotion could still be clinched if we won at Preston and Walsall and Brighton were beaten. We kept our part of the "deal" but Brighton clinched second place and we were left to face Walsall in the promotion play-offs. A season which had promised so much ended in great disappointment when a 3-1 defeat in the home leg against Walsall left us with too much to do to recover the situation.

Gary Mills was the supporters' choice as "Player of the Year" with the Reserves and Young Player awards going to Wayne Fairclough and Tommy



GARY MILLS...voted "Player of the Year" by supporters in May.

Johnson respectively.

Free transfers were given to Mark Harbottle, Sean Kimberley and Dale Belford while three players - Mick Leonard, Paul Smalley and Darren Davis - were placed on the transfer-list after rejecting the offer of new terms.

JUNE

Don O'Riordan became our first summer signing when he turned down an opportunity to become player-manager of Grimsby Town to move to Meadow Lane. An Independent Tribunal later set the fee at £16,000.

The next item on John Barnwell's shopping list was a central defender and Nicky Law arrived from Plymouth Argyle on June 10 at a cost of £70,000.

JULY

John Newman, the experienced former Exeter, Grimsby and Hereford manager, arrived to take up the post of assistant-manager and when David Norton was signed from Aston Villa, Barnwell was satisfied that we were ready to meet the challenge ahead.

AUGUST

Mark Draper, Tommy Johnson and Scott Machin were promoted to the rank of professional and played their part in an encouraging pre-season by helping the Reserves to win the Bass Charity Vase.

Good results and performances against Sheffield Wednesday, Derby County, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest augured well and although the County Cup Final at Mansfield ended in a 3-2 defeat, we took revenge in style a week later by delivering a 5-0 thrashing in the Littlewoods Cup.

SEPTEMBER

It soon became obvious that things were not going to plan as we failed to score in our first three home matches in Division Three but the month ended with a Littlewoods Cup visit from Tottenham and 9,279 people saw us



DARREN DAVIS...moved to Lincoln City in September.

deserve more than a 1-1 draw.

On the transfer front, we collected a total of £32,500 from the sale of Paul Smalley to Scunthorpe and Darren Davis to Lincoln and a Tribunal ordered us to pay Aston Villa £30,000 for David Norton with more to follow after a certain number of appearances.

Dean Yates was selected for the England Under-21 squad and made a 17-minute appearance as substitute in the game against Denmark at Watford.

OCTOBER

While League form showed signs of an improvement, another fine display against Tottenham went unrewarded as a 2-1 defeat at White Hart Lane saw us eliminated from the Littlewoods Cup.

Ian McParland was placed on the transfer-list at his own request and while Dean Yates had to reject an England Under-21 call against Sweden because of a broken nose, David Kevan linked up with the Scotland Under-21 squad for their game against Yugoslavia.

We agreed to release young defender Craig Jackson from his contract so that he could join the Police Force.

NOVEMBER

Four League matches failed to produce a victory as we slithered alarmingly towards the relegation zone but we did clear the first hurdle in the FA Cup with a win at Darlington and set ourselves up for progress in the Sherpa Van Trophy with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield.

The comings and goings continued as player-coach Paul Hart left to become manager of Chesterfield and Stuart Rimmer was signed from Watford for £200,000. Attempts to persuade Forest's Brian Laws to join us on loan were unsuccessful.

Director Jack Dunnett, anxious to use his experience to fight plans to introduce a National Membership Scheme, was re-elected President of the Football League.

DECEMBER

With only two wins to our credit from 16 League matches, the decision was taken to terminate the contract of John Barnwell. Said chairman Derek Pavis: "It's one of the saddest days of my life and I'm so disappointed that we didn't achieve what we both thought we would."

John Newman was appointed caretaker-manager as the search for a new manager got underway and some of the gloom was lifted when we recorded our first win in nine League matches at Aldershot.

A 1-0 defeat at Hartlepool ended our FA Cup hopes and the following day, shareholders were told at the annual meeting that we had made a loss of £150,000 in the last financial year.

That was half the loss recorded during the previous 12 months and the chairman said: "It's a reflection of good housekeeping but we still have to do better. It effectively means we were losing money at the rate of £3,000 a week but because of our assets on the field, we are not insolvent."



BOLTON'S first-ever visit to Division Four lasted for just one year and when the new season got underway, they gave more than a passing hint that they didn't intend to remain at this level for long.

After losing at Southend in the opening fixture, Phil Neal's men launched an unbeaten run of six matches which carried them up among the early leaders.

But maintaining those standards has proved to be difficult and Wanderers arrive here this afternoon in a mid-table position.

Neal will be satisfied enough at this stage with the way his team has adjusted to Third Division standards but the player-manager will be looking for evidence in the months ahead that they have what it takes to continue making progress.

Despite the success of last season, Neal recognised that he would have to strengthen his squad and took two new full backs to Burnden Park during the summer.

He paid £17,000 to Halifax Town for Phil Brown and also persuaded Barry Cowdrill, who made more than a century of League appearances for West Bromwich Albion, to move to Lancashire.

Brown, incidentally, is a former Hartlepool player who scored 14 goals in his first season with Halifax - a record tally for a full back.

Both players appear to have established themselves and when Mark Came suffered a broken leg earlier this season, Neal had to go back into the transfer market to sign a replacement.

He went for the experienced Glen Keeley, the former Newcastle, Blackburn and Everton player, who made the short trip from Oldham Athletic.

And in recent weeks, he has developed a useful partnership in the centre of the defence with Mark Winstanley, a product of the Bolton youth scheme who has won a regular place this season.

MEET THE BOSS

PHIL NEAL took over as player-manager at Bolton after winning just about every domestic honour available with Liverpool - as well as 50 England caps.

And although Neal, who is still playing at the age of 37, had an unhappy experience in his first full season when Bolton were relegated to Division Four, he has fully justified the directors' decision to stand by him.

They gained promotion at the first attempt and Neal is now plotting a course for further progress.

The stylish defender began his career with Northampton Town and after switching to Anfield, gave excellent service to Liverpool in making more than 450 appearances.



There's always the experience of Neal to call on if necessary but these days, the former Liverpool star tends to concentrate more on the managerial side of his dual-role.

He knows the goalkeeping job is in good hands with David Felgate, last season's "Player of the Year" and one of the heroes of the promotion success, who is currently playing as well as at any time in his eventful career.

Although Felgate began as an apprentice at Burnden Park, he was sold to Lincoln City after spells on loan with Rochdale and Crewe. He then moved on to Cardiff and Grimsby but is now back in familiar



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BOLTON



Back row (left to right): Ian Callaghan, Gary Henshaw, Paul Hughes, David Felgate, Julian Darby, Ian Stevens, Chris O'Brien.

Middle row: Phil Neal (Manager), Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Nicky Brookman, Gary Brown, Stuart Storer, Trevor Morgan, Dave McKearney, Bob Savage, Jeff Chandler, Mick Brown (Coach), Phil Stock (Physio).

Front row: John Thomas, Steve Elliott, Phil Brown, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Dean Crombie, Barry Cowdrill, Steve Thompson.

surrundings.

There's no shortage of competition for places in midfield and Neal has six relatively experienced players to choose from - including Steve Thompson who is making a strong claim to finish the season as Wanderers' leading scorer.

Thompson, who has made more than 200 League appearances, is a former Burnden Park apprentice and versatile Julian Darby is also a product of the youth scheme.

Nicky Brookman was previously with Newport, Aston Villa and Wrexham before moving to play his part in Bolton's promotion success while Robie Savage, Gary Henshaw and Jeff Chandler complete the list of midfield candidates.

Savage, a former Liverpool, Stoke and Bournemouth player, was a £30,000 buy from

Bradford and Chandler, now in his second spell with Bolton, has also served Blackpool, Leeds, Derby and Mansfield.

Henshaw found his way to Burnden Park from Grimsby at the start of last season and while he strives to establish a regular first-team place, former England star Peter Barnes can call on vast experience with Manchester City and West Brom.

Much-travelled John Thomas has struggled to reproduce the form which earned him 22 goals last season and the shortage of goals from the front men has been Bolton's main problem this term.

Trevor Morgan, now with his eighth League club, has grabbed his share and Malta-born Ian Stevens, who gained limited experience with Preston and Stockport before linking up with Bolton, has had the chance to establish a regular place this season.

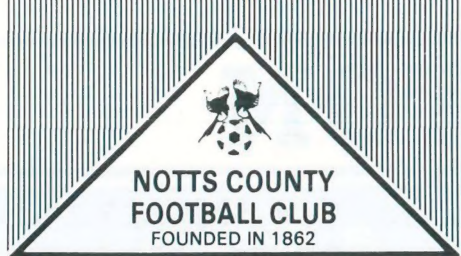
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MEMORY LANE

— by Colin Slater —

WE have this season dropped from this page of nostalgia the specific feature dealing with what was happening to Notts, and in the world of football generally, five or ten years ago. Except, that is, for today, when it makes its reappearance on this, the last soccer day of an eventful 1988.

So, first, we recall ten years ago, 1978.

Notts went into the Christmas and New Year period in a healthy position in the Second Division, being seventh in the table when they started the holiday programme with a visit from Sunderland on 23rd December.

Despite the counter-attraction of Christmas shopping, the game attracted a crowd of over 11,000 and Notts earned a point, thanks to a Ray O'Brien penalty.

Three days later, Notts were on their travels, to Oldham, for one of the most exciting matches of the season, which finished 3-3 with goals from Paul Hooks, Mick Vinter and Jeff Blockley.

And that, astonishingly enough, was County's fifth successive draw, matches against Fulham, Palace and Preston ending all-square before the 1-1 stalemate with Sunderland. The season as a whole produced no fewer than 16 draws, ten at home and six away, and were responsible for keeping the Magpies out of the promotion frame. But they finished the campaign a creditable sixth.

Vinter was the leading scorer with a dozen goals and two players, Eric McManus and Iain McCulloch, were ever-presents with 42 League appearances, while Ray O'Brien missed only one match and Pedro Richards a couple as they gave stability in defence.

Incidentally, it was shortly before that Christmas of 1978 that centre half Steve Sims was transferred from Leicester to Watford for £200,000. As Watford were in the Third Division (heading for promotion) it would be good to have clarification whether County's recent fee, also said to be £200,000, for Stuart Rimmer from Watford, equals the Third Division record pay-out for a player or whether there are a few pounds' difference between the two deals.

On to 1983, and by a coincidence Notts now in their third (and, as it proved, last) First Division season achieved the same holiday result as at Oldham, a 3-3 draw, again on Lancashire soil.



Justin Fashanu had just scored at Leicester in January 1983 - a national newspaper reports that Justin is about to return to football in this country with Leeds United.

But this time, with respect to Oldham's Boundary Park home, it was the more palatial Old Trafford where a late Justin Fashanu goal, to add to one he scored earlier in the second half and a Trevor Christie penalty, stunned the home crowd of over 41,000, the highest before which County played all that 1983-84 season. They had seen United 3-1 ahead before Fashanu struck.

The point at Old Trafford was sandwiched between defeats by Luton and Ipswich, Fashanu being so badly hurt in that match that it virtually ended his Notts career. So, ominously, Notts entered 1984 in 20th position.

I wonder if you remember a curious incident in the game at Old Trafford? It occurred when referee Derek Owen booked seven Notts players for not retreating ten yards from a free kick awarded against them.



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COMMERCIAL Comment

BY ELAINE HOWES

WELL 1988 is almost over and we will be launching ourselves into 1989, some will be launching harder than others. With the new year comes new enthusiasm with new prospects. We hope 1988 was a good year for you but that 1989 will be even better.

First of all we must apologise for the cancellation of the Special Christmas Video. This, as we have explained to those who had ordered a copy, was due to the lack of response

The video proved to be quite an involved operation and therefore was quite costly to produce, in order to recoup that money, we needed to take 100 orders, as it was we only received 16

We do apologise again and hope we didn't disappoint too many of you. We are however hoping to produce a similar video for the end of the season. Now we are giving you plenty of warning, so get those orders in and the video will go ahead, and tell your friends about it.

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OUR Match Mascot today is nine year old Danny Pearson.

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AT TODAY'S GAME Notts County Football Club, "The Pie" magazine and the Football Supporters Association are organising a petition to protest against Government plans for an I.D. card scheme for all supporters.

PLEASE SIGN IT.

We believe Colin Moynihan's plans could destroy professional football as a spectator sport, will do little to solve the problems they are meant to address and represent a gross infringement of civil liberties.

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR REASONS:

INCONVENIENCE: All fans and clubs know the damaging effect upon attendances of making games all-ticket. Football is reliant upon casual supporters who don't turn up every week, but bolster crowds on big occasions. We believe that many fans in this category make their decision 'on the day' and simply do not want the hassle of applying for a card. To add to their inconvenience I.D. cards will only be obtainable in person, no postal applications will be accepted.

COST: It is typical of the Government's approach to this scheme that the cost of a card to ordinary fans has not yet been identified. Estimates vary between £2.50 and £12.00. Either way YOU will pay extra, on top of your normal admission money, for no clear benefit. Clubs may also have to charge a higher admission fee to cover the cost of installing computerised turnstiles.

DANGER: Delays caused by the new computerised turnstiles could cause danger to fans, even in small crowds. Queue's will build up, leading to potentially dangerous situations. In big crowds the problem will be even worse, as the recent Arsenal v Liverpool Littlewoods Cup match proved.

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THE PROBLEM: The petitioners accept that there is a problem of violence associated with football, but it is ludicrous to tar all supporters with the same brush. Last season, for instance, there were no major incidents of violence inside Meadow Lane. For clubs with troublesome supporters a policy of restricting ticket sales for away matches (as currently applies to Leeds and Wolves) has been shown to work to good effect, without undue inconvenience to the vast majority of peaceful supporters.

CLUBS: Over the last two seasons attendances at league matches have risen; proof that public confidence in football is increasing. Not only will this I.D. card policy deter many of football's returning fans, it is bound to put off others by giving a misleading impression of matchday violence. It could also drive many small clubs to the wall, and force all clubs to divert resources away from new players and better facilities. Two examples show the dangers. Despite all the propaganda, Luton's 'membership' scheme has seen attendances drop 20% at Kenilworth Road in the past two seasons, the most successful in the club's history. Colchester had to drop their 100% membership scheme last season because of poor attendances.

FANS: Fans may have their I.D. card confiscated without having committed any offence. Cards can be withdrawn for **ANY** reason deemed suitable by your club, the police or the new Football Membership Authority.

WHAT TO DO: The form of words on the opposite page constitute a legal postal petition. We urge you to obtain fifteen names, addresses and signatures and return the completed form to:

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We would appreciate it if you could ensure that we receive your petition on, or before, January 7th 1989. We will then forward your contribution to the F.S.A. national petition. Further copies of this petition are available from:

**ADRIAN GOLDBERG, THE F.S.A.,
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Adrian Goldberg; Derek Pavis and Neal Hook; Notts County Commercial Department; 'The Pie'.

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FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION I.D. CARD PROTEST PETITION

To the Honourable Commons of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the Parliament assembled sheweth that the undersigned signatories express their condemnation of proposed legislation to force football supporters to carry identification cards.

We believe that a system of identity cards will have little impact on the problem of football related violence, will hinder football's attempts to attract a new generation of supporters and will lead to the eventual demise of the game as a spectator sport.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the Government bring forward proposals which have the support of genuine football supporters. And your petitioner is duty bound, will ever pray and cetera.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

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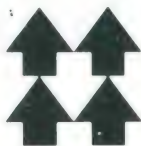
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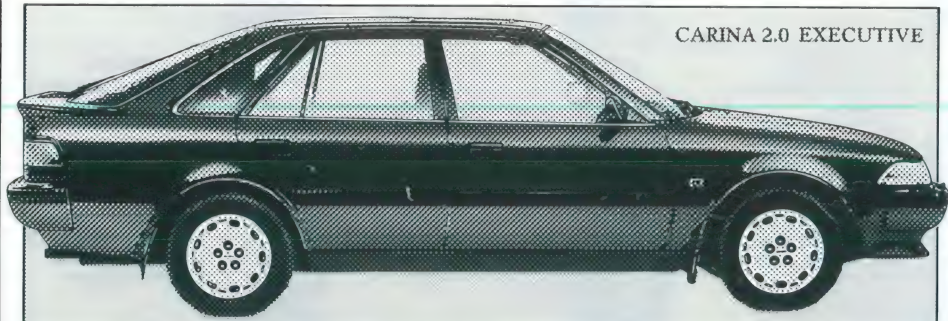
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However, due to the efforts of all concerned we were able to raise more than £120,000 during the year which has helped towards the strengthening of the playing staff and as we enter 1989 we must set our targets higher in the hope that we can do everything possible to get Notts County Football Club back into Division One. With this in mind it is vitally important that we recruit more supporters to act as agents for the club and if you feel you can sell just 10 or more tickets per week then please ring us on Nottingham 864718 when we will be pleased to give you details. Remember all our agents get the following benefits:

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Aug	31	H	Blackpool	5-1
Sep	7	A	Grimsby Town	1-0
Sep	13	H	Wigan Athletic	2-0
Sep	21	A	Doncaster Rovers	5-1
Sep	28	H	Mansfield Town	3-2
Oct	5	A	Bolton Wanderers	2-4
Oct	11	H	Bradford City	3-2
Oct	19	A	Scunthorpe United	4-3
Nov	1	H	York City	2-0
Nov	9	A	Preston North End	1-1
Nov	15	H	Hull City	0-1
Nov	19	H	Stoke City	3-0
Nov	21	A	Oldham Athletic	2-3
Nov	30	H	Stoke City	2-2
Dec	6	A	Rotherham United	1-1
Dec	13	H	Port Vale	2-2
Dec	20	A	Middlesbrough	P
Jan	3	H	Grimsby Town	
Jan	10	A	Blackpool	
Jan	18	A	Stoke City	
Jan	24	H	Darlington	
Jan	30	A	Mansfield Town	
Feb	7	H	Bolton Wanderers	
Feb	14	H	Scunthorpe United	
Feb	21	A	Bradford City	
Mar	1	H	Preston North End	
Mar	8	A	York City	
Mar	15	H	Doncaster Rovers	
Mar	22	A	Port Vale	
Mar	28	A	Wigan Athletic	
Apr	5	H	Middlesbrough	
Apr	11	H	Rotherham United	
Apr	19	A	Hull City	
Apr	25	H	Oldham Athletic	
May	3	A	Darlington	

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

Aug	27	H	Shrewsbury Town	6-0
Sep	3	H	Stoke City	0-1
Sep	10	A	Walsall	1-1
Sep	17	H	West Bromwich Albion	P
Sep	23	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-5
Oct	1	H	Aston Villa	2-1
Oct	8	A	Birmingham City	1-2
Oct	15	H	Coventry City	0-2
Oct	22	A	Derby County	3-2
Oct	29	H	Leicester City	2-2
Nov	5	A	Leicester City League cup rd 1	0-1
Nov	12	A	Mansfield Town	5-1
Nov	19	A	Stoke City	3-0
Nov	26	H	Nottingham Forest	2-2
Dec	3	H	Peterborough United	2-2
Dec	17	H	Port Vale	
Jan	7	A	Port Vale	
Jan	14	A	Peterborough United	
Jan	28	H	Walsall	
Feb	4	A	West Bromwich Albion	
Feb	11	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Feb	18	A	Aston Villa	
Feb	25	H	Birmingham City	
Mar	4	A	Shrewsbury Town	
Mar	11	A	Leicester City	
Mar	18	H	Derby County	
Apr	1	A	Coventry City	
Apr	8	A	Nottingham Forest	
Apr	15	H	Mansfield Town	

IN WITH MICK WALKER RESERVE

OUR hopes of an extended run in the FA Youth Cup were ended at Portman Road last week when we crashed 4-1 against Ipswich Town in a second round replay.

Ironically, the lads performed better on Wednesday than they did in the first meeting at Meadow Lane but had to pay the ultimate price for individual errors in the vital areas.

Chances were created throughout the game - clear-cut ones at that - but the finishing was poor and we couldn't cope with that and sloppy defending as well.

Bad mistakes at the back handed the initiative to Ipswich as they established a two-goal lead in the opening 25 minutes and after Tommy Johnson had failed to take advantage of two clear chances, they added a third.

When an effort by Mark Draper rebounded from the crossbar, it was impossible not to get the feeling that it would be one of those nights and although the youngsters continued to battle well, there was no way back.



TOMMY JOHNSON...
consolation goal

Ipswich claimed their fourth goal after 70 minutes and after Mark Telford had also hit the woodwork, it was no more than a consolation effort when Johnson finally scored in the last minute.

Hopefully the lads will have learned something from the experience and we will never know whether things might have been different had Craig Finch and influential captain Paul Cox been available.

Cox, who was suffering from a foot injury, was in hospital having a broken nose repaired while an ankle injury kept Finch out of action.

At the end of the day, we can only reflect on the first meeting with Ipswich and say that they should not have been allowed to get away from Meadow Lane with a replay the previous week.

Even though that was a fairly even match, we looked to be well on the way to victory after goals by Finch and Johnson but slackness in the final stages gave Ipswich the chance to hit back and snatch a 2-2 draw.

The team on duty on Wednesday was: Hearne, Aldridge, Thompson, Draper, House, Walls, Brown, Machin, Johnson T., Telford, Wells. Subs: Barrows, Johnson M.

Tuesday's scheduled Central League game at Middlesbrough was called off so that the youngsters were able to stay fresh and they warmed up for the trip to Ipswich with a fine 4-0 win against Port Vale the previous Saturday.

That extended the unbeaten run in the Purity Youth League to seven matches and amazingly, it was our first success in a home game since the 6-0 thrashing of Shrewsbury on the opening day of the season.

Tommy Johnson set us on our way with two goals in the opening 18 minutes and was unfortunate not to complete his hat trick when another effort rebounded from a post.

But we were always in charge and it was no surprise when further goals arrived in the final eight minutes through Warren Brown and Scott Machin.

Team: Hearne, Aldridge, Thompson, Draper, House, Cox, Finch, Johnson, Machin, Telford, Wells. Subs: Walls, Brown



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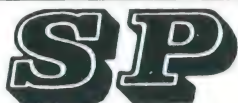
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FULL NAME: Stuart Alan Rimmer.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Southport on 12th October 1964.

NICKNAME: I know it's unusual for a professional footballer but I've never really had one at any of the clubs I've been with.

MARRIED STATUS: I'm still single.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: I started out as an apprentice with Everton, then moved to Chester City and had a spell with Watford before moving to Meadow Lane.

HONOURS: Three England Youth caps during my time with Everton.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My League debut for Everton as a 17-year-old when we won a First Division match 3-1 at Swansea.

BEST GOAL SCORED: A 25-yard volley during my first season with Chester.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The knee ligaments injury I suffered at Chester at a time when everything seemed to be going my way. That kept me out of action for a year.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: My family and Chester boss Harry McNally.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: In the professional game, no opponent can be taken lightly.

CHILDHOOD HERO: Bob Latchford, who scored lots of goals for Everton at the time when I regularly stood on the terraces at Goodison Park.

LIKES: Hitting the back of the net.

DISLIKES: Smoking and bad-mannered people.

FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSONALITY: Viv Richards.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

HOBBIES: Golf and snooker.

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: The Star.

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If you have written in for a 'Fix It' please don't despair because we haven't finished yet. We will be doing another one soon - it could be you!

Alternatively if you have a request for a 'Fix It' and

you haven't written to me yet please do so as soon as possible so that you may be included when the next one is chosen.

We are very grateful to SITULS GIFT SHOP, BROADMARSH CENTRE for supplying todays half-time prize of a gift voucher to spend at their excellent shop.

I am presently arranging a Junior Magpies trip to the Granada T.V. Studios in Manchester to see behind the scenes of many of our favourite television programmes. You'll see production control, make up and wardrobe departments, stars' dressing rooms and special effects departments. So if you fancy strolling down Coronation Street and stopping off at the Rovers for a drink, why not join us. It will be in the February half term holidays, I hope, and full details will appear in the next programme and in the J.M. column of the Evening Post on Wednesdays.

Todays ball boys are: LEE MASON, MATTHEW OGDEN, MATTHEW GALE, PAUL HERRING, SHAUN KINGHAM, MARTIN LEATHERLAND, ANDREW LITTLEWOOD, ALEX MARSHALL & MATTHEW ABBOTT.

Happy New Year to everyone of you.

Enjoy the game!
Annette
Chantrey



Young Notts County player Aidan Davidson presents Junior Magpies half-time draw winners Kimberley Schofield, 15, of Carlton and Roland Knight, 13, Mapperley with 'Off Wall' clocks.

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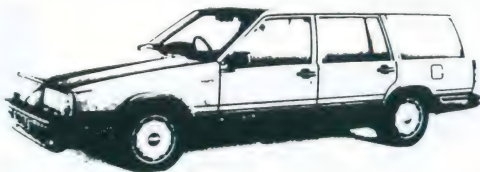
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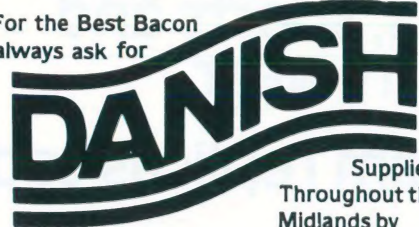
Date	Opponents	Match Sponsor	Ball Sponsor	Score	Att		
Aug 27	BRISTOL CITY	H Cheshires	Armstrong-Holmes Associates	0-0	6280	LEONARD	NORTON
Aug 30	MANSFIELD TOWN	H Cheshires	Options	5-0	4428	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 3	Blackpool	A	—	1-0	4669	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 6	Mansfield Town	A	—	0-1	2695	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 10	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H Cheshires	Sturnham & Woodhouse	0-1	6084	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	—	0-0	10870	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 20	Huddersfield Town	A	—	1-3	5655	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 24	PRESTON NORTH END	H Several local companies	Old Way Wines	0-0	4965	LEONARD	NORTON
Sept 27	TOTTENHAM	H Cheshires	Tony's Hairdressing	1-1	9279	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 1	Mansfield Town	A	—	1-1	5907	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 4	CHESTERFIELD	H Home Brewery	Glow-worm	4-0	4519	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 9	CHESTER CITY	H Cheshires	Junior Magpies	2-2	5772	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 11	Tottenham LC2 1st leg	A	—	1-2	14953	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 15	Bristol Rovers	A	—	0-2	4183	LEONARD	McSTAY
Oct 22	READING	H ITB J Hawkins Ltd, Hickling & Squires	Mr Les Bullimore	3-3	5170	LEONARD	FAIRCLOUGH
Oct 29	FULHAM	H Nottingham Toyota	Home Brewery	0-1	5514	LEONARD	NORTON
Nov 5	Bury	A	—	1-1	2692	LEONARD	NORTON
Nov 8	Brentford	A	—	1-2	4013	LEONARD	McSTAY
Nov 12	SOUTHEND UNITED	H Home Brewery	Nixon & Knowles	1-1	5037	LEONARD	McSTAY
Nov 19	Darlington FA Cup (1)	A	—	2-1	2110	LEONARD	O'RIORDAN
Nov 26	GILLINGHAM	H Cheshires	N C F C Supporters Club (Arnold)	1-2	4611	LEONARD	O'RIORDAN
Nov 29	Mansfield (SVT)	A Hammonds	—	1-1	2477	LEONARD	McSTAY
Dec 3	Aldershot	A	—	3-2	2191	LEONARD	YATES
Dec 6	CHESTERFIELD (SVT)	H Hammonds	Sherwood, Leyland, Daf Ltd	1-1	2005	LEONARD	YATES
Dec 10	Hartlepool FA Cup (2)	A	—	0-1	3182	LEONARD	YATES
Dec 18	Wigan Athletic	A	—	1-0	3016	LEONARD	YATES
Dec 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H Cheshires	United Fork Trucks	1-4	11590	LEONARD	McSTAY
Dec 31	BOLTON WANDERERS	H Home Brewery	Armstrong-Holmes Associates				
Jan 2	Port Vale	A	—				
Jan 7	Swansea City	A	—				
Jan 7	FA Cup (3)	A	—				
Jan 14	BLACKPOOL	H	AMS Marketing				
Jan 21	Northampton Town	A	—				
Jan 28	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H Home Brewery	Glow Worm				
Feb 5	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	United Fork Trucks				
Feb 11	Chesterfield	A	—				
Feb 18	Chester City	A	—				
Feb 25	BRISTOL ROVERS	H United Fork Trucks					
Feb 28	CARDIFF CITY	H					
Mar 4	Reading	A	—				
Mar 11	BURY	H	—				
Mar 14	Fulham	A	—				
Mar 18	Bristol City	A	—				
Mar 25	PORT VALE	H Cheshires	—				
Mar 27	Sheffield United	A	—				
Apr 1	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H Home Brewery	—				
Apr 4	SWANSEA CITY	H Thermalite	—				
Apr 8	Bolton Wanderers	A	—				
Apr 15	Preston North End	A	—				
Apr 18	Cardiff City	A	—				
Apr 22	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	United Fork Trucks				
Apr 28	Southend United	A	—				
May 1	BRENTFORD	H	—				
May 6	ALDERSHOT	H Cheshires	Barwood Building Ltd				
May 13	Gillingham	A	—				

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	13	9	3	1	35	16	30
Notts County	15	9	3	3	35	22	30
Hull City	12	9	1	2	30	18	28
Middlesbrough	12	8	0	4	31	15	24
Bradford City	11	7	2	2	30	16	23
York City	14	6	3	5	24	18	21
Blackpool	13	6	3	4	30	30	21
Oldham Athletic	11	6	2	3	22	16	20
Port Vale	14	5	2	7	23	25	17
Stoke City	13	4	3	6	17	24	15
Preston	9	4	1	4	21	20	13
Grimsby Town	12	3	3	6	16	23	12
Mansfield Town	12	2	5	5	16	19	11
Rotherham Utd	12	2	4	6	19	28	10
Scunthorpe Utd	11	2	3	6	15	24	9
Darlington	12	2	3	7	16	28	9
Wigan Athletic	12	2	3	7	15	28	9
Doncaster R.	14	2	2	10	12	38	8



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Wolves	20	8	2	0	29	9	5
Port Vale	19	7	1	27	8	5	3
Sheffield Utd	19	8	0	1	25	6	4
Bury	20	6	3	1	17	9	4
Swansea	20	5	4	1	16	11	4
Bristol R.	20	6	2	2	21	11	3
Fulham	20	6	3	1	18	11	4
Chester	20	6	3	1	18	9	3
Preston	20	6	3	1	24	14	2
Bristol City	20	4	3	1	14	11	4
Reading	20	5	4	1	20	11	3
Brentford	20	7	1	2	16	9	1
Huddersfield	20	5	3	2	16	10	3
Mansfield	20	4	5	1	15	11	2
Bolton	20	5	2	3	22	13	2
Southend	21	4	4	2	14	11	2
Blackpool	20	4	4	2	16	10	1
Cardiff	17	5	2	2	15	8	0
Notts County	19	1	5	4	12	14	3
Northampton	20	4	0	6	19	17	2
Wigan	21	3	2	6	11	13	1
Gillingham	20	2	0	8	9	17	3
Aldershot	19	2	3	5	9	14	0
Chesterfield	19	1	2	6	7	20	1



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Tuesday 3rd January 1989
NOTTS COUNTY v GRIMSBY TOWN
Kick-off 7.30pm

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
Saturday 14th January 1989
NOTTS COUNTY v BLACKPOOL
Kick-off 3pm

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	DERBY v MILWALL	H	CHESTERFIELD v FULHAM
B	SHEFF WED v NOTTM FOREST	I	MANSFIELD v HUDDERSFIELD
C	LEICESTER v BLACKBURN	K	PRESTON v SHEFF Utd
D	BRENTFORD v WOLVES	L	SOUTHEND v BRISTOL C
E	BRISTOL R v SWANSEA	M	CELTIC v HEARTS
F	BURY v ALDERSHOT	N	DUNDEE v ABERDEEN
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DAVE FELGATE

DEAN YATES

2

PHIL BROWN

CHRIS WITHE

3

BARRY COWDRILL

DON O'RIORDAN

4

ROBBIE SAVAGE

NICKY LAW

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